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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION: FURTHER GOF VIEWS

1. IN CONVERSATION LATE OCTOBER 10, ROUILLON SAID THAT JOBERT'S UNGA STATEMENT OFFERING TO HELP RE ME (OF WHICH QUAI NOT PREVIOUSLY INFORMED) MUST NOT BE CONSTRUED AS MEANING MORE THAN IT SAYS. BASED ON AFP TICKER, HE EMPHASIZED THAT JOBERT WAS QUOTED AS OFFERING "FRANCE'S ASSISTANCE SO THAT WAR DIES DOWN AND IS NOT REBORN." ROUILLON INTERPRETS THAT PHRASE AS GOF INSISTENCE THAT THIS TIME CEASEFIRE AND OVERALL SOLUTION MUST BE INEXTRICABLY INTERTWINED. ROUILLON ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT JOBERT HAD USED CONDITIONAL IN ADDING "WE MIGHT MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT ON CONDITION THAT ALL SO DESIRE, AND THAT ALL REALLY DESIRE A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE. THIS MEANS THAT PARTIES WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST ITS GOOD OFFICES BEFORE GOF WOULD COME FORWARD; ALSO JOBERT USED LANGUAGE FROM UNSC RES 242 TO EMPHASIZE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH GOF MIGHT ASSIST. AFTER PHONING NEW YORK FOR AUTHORITATIVE INTERPRETATION, ROUILLON CONFIRMED THAT GOF HAS NO SPECIFIC SOLUTION TO OFFER, AND THAT JOBERT'S VERY CONDITIONAL OFFER SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AN INITIATIVE, BUT

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